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SUBJECT: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE DEMONSTRATION-
UWI DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

REF: KINGSTON 5371

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ACTING SECRETARY OF ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS OF UWI (PERMEL) ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE TOLD ECONOFF THEY ARE GREATLY RELIEVED AT DECISION TO DEFER DATE OF SATELLITE PROJECT TO DECEMBER. EVIDENTLY, THEY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THIS PROJECT UNTIL JEFF CHARLES VISITED THE CAMPUS LAST WEEK.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW AT WHAT LEVEL MONA CAMPUS THINKS THEY HAVE "FINALIZED" ARRANGEMENTS. PERMEL DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CABINET (I.E., PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS). HE BELIEVES IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREPARE PROJECT FOR CABINET DECISION AND HAVE IT APPROVED BY OCTOBER 1.

3. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM IS QUESTION OF OBTAINING GOTT
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APPROVAL FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LOCALLY. WHILE THIS IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE (E.G., POSSIBLY BY POSTING OF BOND FOR DUTIES PENDING CLARIFICATION OF DUTY-FREE STATUS OR REEXPORT), NORMAL UWI PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTING EQUIPMENT OF THIS KIND CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1, EVEN IF NASA COULD ARRANGE SHIPMENT BY THAT DATE.

4. WHILE PERMEL AGREES THAT DECEMBER START-UP IS NOT OPTIMAL, HE BELIEVES IT IS FEASIBLE. CERTAINLY INITIAL DEMONSTRATION CAN BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE BEGINNING OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

5. IF USAID ELECTS TO PROCEED WITH PROJECTION OCTOBER 1, WE SUGGEST THIS EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONSULT WITH ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE CLEARANCE WITHIN GOTT. IT IS APPARENT THAT ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS IS NOT BEING INVOLVED TO THE EXTENT IT SHOULD BE IF THIS PROJECT IS TO GET OFF THE GROUND. WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO INSERT OURSELVES INTO INTRA-UWI ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO BRIDGE THIS GAP IF USAID THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

6. ANY SATELLITE PROJECT IS OF COURSE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE, PARTICULARLY WHEN FUNDED BY THE USG, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF MONA PROCEEDS ON A UNILATERAL BASIS TO PRESENT ST. AUGUSTINE WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

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